1	2	3	4	5
Arunachal Pradesh	2.81	0.10	1.13	0.03
Nagaland	2.68	*	0.12	*
Tripura	—	—	29.54	0.53

*The activities in Changpang field awarded to ONGC in Nagaland were suspended *w.e.f.* 1994 as per State Governments directives.

Apart from the above, no Hydrocarbon reserves have been established in other North Eastern States.

(c) There are four oil refineries in Assam *viz.* Digboi, Guwahati, Bongaigaon and Numaligarh of the capacity of 0.65, 1.0, 2.35 and 3.0 MMTPA respectively.

(d) The Operations in Changpang field in Nagaland awarded to ONGC were discontinued in May 1994 due to environmental reasons as well as State Government directions. Under New Exploration Licensing Policy two new blocks have been awarded in the State of Nagaland.

Allocation of oil and natural gas exploration block

2433. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave go ahead for awarding 44 oil and gas exploration blocks with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) bagging the maximum along with its partners and first timers BHP Billiton and GVK Power;

(b) whether initiative to reduce reliance on imported energy is expected to attract 1.5 billion dollars investment; and

(c) if so, what are the other steps Government is considering to take in awarding wells to other organizations in future to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) provides for level playing field for National Oil Companies, Private and Foreign Companies and bids are invited through International Competitive bidding process. Offer of acreages under NELP is a continuous process. Government Plans to offer acreages under future rounds of NELP so as to bring 80% of Indian sedimentary basinal area under exploration by end of Eleventh Plan.

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2434. SHRI M. V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: